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OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING NORTH ROMERO ROAD AND WEST FORT LOWELL ROAD

*****UPDATE – February 5, 2022*****

On February 5, 2022, Kevin Angelo Lyons was released from the hospital and has been booked into Pima County Jail on six counts of Aggravated Assault with a Simulated Deadly Weapon, two count of Aggravated Assault/Victim Under 15, and 1 count of Aggravated Assault on a Peace Officer. Attached below is Lyons booking photograph.



Kevin Angelo Lyons

Sergeant Richard Gradillas – February 5, 2022

The Tucson Police Department is investigating an officer-involved shooting that took place yesterday evening in the 3100 block of N. Romero Rd.

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On February 3, 2022, just after 5:00 p.m., the Public Safety Communications Department (PSCD) received several 9-1-1 calls reporting a male who was pointing a gun at bystanders, including children and passing vehicles, near N. Romero and W. Prince Rd. Officers from Operations Division West responded to the area. Upon arrival, officers located several witnesses and obtained the suspect's description and last known area of travel, which was southbound on Romero Rd.

A patrol officer, who responded to the call, located the suspect on N. Romero Rd., just south of Ft. Lowell Rd. The officer used his patrol car's PA speaker system to give the suspect multiple commands to drop the weapon; however, the suspect refused those commands. The officer then exited his patrol car and continued giving multiple commands to the suspect to put the weapon down. The suspect ignored commands and pointed the weapon at the officer. The officer then shot the suspect. Officers at the scene immediately began rendering aid to the suspect by using their Individual First Aid Kits, applying a tourniquet and requesting paramedics. Tucson Fire Department personnel responded to the scene and continued rendering aid. The suspect was transported to Banner University Medical Center with serious but non-life-threatening injuries. Thankfully, no officers or other community members were injured during the incident.

Detectives from the Violent Crimes Section and sergeants from the Office of Professional Standards (OPS) responded to the scene to continue the investigation. The Homicide Unit is conducting a criminal investigation into the incident, while the Office of Professional Standards is conducting a separate but parallel administrative investigation into the actions of department personnel. This is standard protocol in all officer-involved shootings.

Investigators conducted several interviews at the scene and collected several pieces of evidence to include the suspect's weapon. According to witness statements, the suspect was seen pointing his weapon at responding officers as they arrived. Detectives later determined the weapon used by the suspect was a replica airsoft pistol. Officers identified the suspect as 25-year-old **Kevin Angelo Lyons**. He remains in the hospital, receiving treatment for his injuries. Once Lyons is released from the hospital, he will be booked into the Pima County Jail and be charged with 5 counts of Aggravated Assault with a Simulated Deadly Weapon, 1 count of Aggravated Assault/Victim Under 15 and 1 count of Aggravated Assault on a Peace Officer.

The officer who discharged his weapon has been identified as **Officer Benjamin Boschee**, an almost 20-year veteran of the Tucson Police Department. Additional details will be released as they become available. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call 88-CRIME. You can remain anonymous. Below are photographs of the suspect's airsoft replica pistol that was recovered from the scene and an actual firearm.



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